(b) if so, the value of items for which two part tendering is done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps to avoid post tender negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Two part bids system is followed in a few specific cases where it is considered that precise specifications are not possible to be formulated and where 2 part bid system is considered advantageous. It is not related to value of procurement. Instructions already exist that post tender negotiations are permissible only in exceptional cases.

Direct Train between Bangalore-Shimoga

4382. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is direct train facility between Bangalore-Shimoga;

(b) if not, whether Government would take steps to introduce direct train between Bangalore-Shimoga to meet the great demand; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to add two more compartments to the existing Bangalore—Shimoga train also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to introduce an overnight express train between Shimoga and Bangalore with effect from 01-7-2000 in lieu of 283/284 Bangalore—Shimoga Fast Passenger. This will provide an additional carrying capacity of 144 berths to Shimoga from Bangalore. Further, 227/228 Bangalore-Birur passenger will be extended to Shimoga to provide an additional train on this sector.

Compensation to passengers killed or injured in Train Accidents

†4383. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial aid, as compensation, is provided for those passengers who get killed or injured due to train accidents; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.